

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
Second Sunday of Lent - Year C

16th March 2025

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Gospel Reflection The real Jesus Donal Neary SJ

Things are not always as they seem. Underneath a church that I worked in, are a series of underground passages that go on for about a mile! People are the same - when you are talking to someone and they tell you they are very ill, or recovered from addiction, you see more to them. Or you may find out that someone you thought little of visits an elderly person every week. People are not always as they seem. The mountain visit was the same: the apostles saw **J**esus - **s**on of **G**od, radiant in prayer, and in the middle of it all the **P**assion was announced. They saw the person behind the face.

(*There is more to Jesus than you might think.*)

The big truth of **J**esus is that he is intimately united to **G**od the **F**ather. So following him is not just action, but prayer that leads to action. We say someone is a great Christian - he or she helps the poor. Christianity is more - it is also prayer and the **E**ucharist. While we are thankful for the good lives of many people, we also can say that the full Christian life includes more, e.g. prayer, reflection, scripture reading, faith and Mass. It also involves community - the three were called to witness and help each other remember the **L**ord **J**esus. Community brings the word of God alive in a real way. The community of the **C**hurch brings us to fuller faith.

Prayer leads to action for others, and action leads back to prayer. We can be so close to heavenly things that we are no earthly good! Lent brings us into this mystery of the death and resurrection of the **L**ord - we are part of this, and we try to make life a grace for others. We can either transfigure the lives of others, or disfigure them. Let us be people of the transfiguration.

Lord show me your face - in myself and in others. Amen.



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	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD	Liam Kelly (1st A) Geraldine Kelly (A)	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		Larry Timmons

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9th March 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	-	€ 400
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	-	€ 526
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration		€ 225
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	-	€ 75

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check
catholicireland.net / sacredspace.ie / universalis.com

FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

PSALM: 102

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

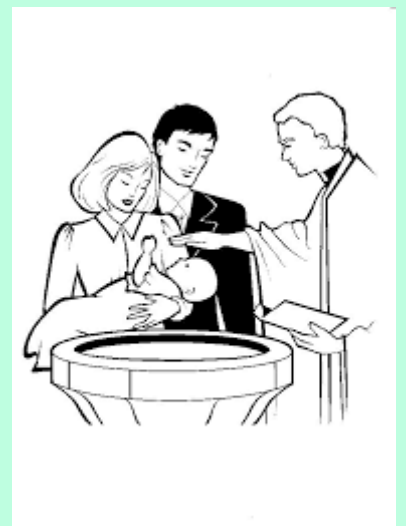
GOSPEL : Luke 13:1-9

Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

Wicklow	First Saturday	2pm
	Third Sunday	1pm
Rathnew	Fourth Saturday	2pm
Ashford	First Sunday	12pm
Glenealy	Third Saturday	12pm
BBK	Second Saturday	2pm

**Next Ashford Meeting is on
Thursday, 27th March at 7.30pm in the church.**

**Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699)
to confirm your attendance at this meeting.**



Launch of Ministry Booklet.

Sincere thanks to the parish office staff and all who were involved in the launch of the Ministry Booklet last weekend.

The booklet was favourably received throughout our pastoral area.

We have provided extra booklets, located at the back of each church for those of you who didn't receive one last weekend.

The volunteer sheets are also available. We look forward to welcoming additional volunteers to the pastoral area.

Congratulations to all couples planning their marriage.

Don't forget to give 3 months notice to the parish where you live.

Your local parish is responsible for organising the paperwork necessary for the Sacrament of Marriage irrespective of where the wedding will take place.

Be sure to get in touch with the Parish Office to make arrangements to complete wedding papers at least 3 months before the date of the proposed wedding.

LOURDES



LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Wicklow Rathnew

26 August 2025

7 Nights

€1,095 per person sharing

- » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- » 20kg bags included
- » Return Airport Transfers in Lourdes
- » 7 nights accommodation in La Solitude Hotel
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme including Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- » Visit Places associated with the life of St. Bernadette including a guided tour of Lourdes and Bartres

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REGISTRY OF FEMALE CONVICTS, 1836

Wicklow Town Library

'Grangegorman - The Transportation Story' with Joan Kavanagh

The first all-female prison in the British Isles opened in 1836 at Grangegorman in Dublin. A section was set aside to hold female convicts sentenced to transportation. Who were these women? What crimes did they commit? What sentences did they receive?



Booking essential:

0404 67025

Thurs, March 20th @ 7 pm

wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie

St. Patrick's Day Masses



- Rathnew 9am
- Ashford 10am
- Wicklow 10.30am & 12 noon
- Barndarrig 10.30am
- Glenealy 11.30am

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Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish. If you would like to become a regular contributor to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return to Parish Office or Sacristy

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